

## QUART LAW GETS KNOCKOUT BLOW

Criminal Court of Appeals Holds That This Section is Contrary to the State Constitution.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 15.—That portion of the state prohibition law limiting the amount of intoxicating liquor which may be kept in a place of business to one quart and in private residence to one gallon was given a knockout blow by the criminal court of appeals in an opinion by Judge Armstrong yesterday when the statute was declared in violation of both the state and federal constitutions.

The case was brought before the court of last resort in criminal matters by an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed by W. J. Wilson of Ardmore who was arrested charged with having in his possession three quarts of alcohol. The case was submitted upon an agreed statement of facts and the only question before the court was the constitutionality of the statute. The state limiting the amount which may be kept in a private home to one gallon was not in issue, but the question is identically the same and it is stated by Judge Armstrong that the ruling will operate to also put that provision of the law out of operation.

Judge Armstrong in the opinion of the court cites a long list of decisions from the federal courts and the highest courts of many states. It is held that the statute is in violation of section 7 article 2 of the state constitution in that it deprives a citizen of the state of his property without due process of law. It is in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution which provides that no state shall pass any law which deprives any citizen of the United States of property without due process of law.

Under the statute which was abolished yesterday the mere possession of intoxicating liquor over the amount stipulated in the law was sufficient evidence to render a verdict of guilty of violation of the liquor laws and many convictions have been obtained under the statute. The statute has been the means of driving many bootleggers of the state out of business.

### STATE UNIVERSITY NEWS.

The annual Christmas holidays will begin Wednesday, December 20, at 5:30 p. m., and continue until January 3 at 8:00 a. m. Professors are already announcing the quizzes which are usually given the week preceding vacation.

The senior class of the university will attempt an ambitious flight in dramatics next commencement, for the play committee has just announced Shakespeare's "As You Like It," as the drama chosen for the annual performance.

A move is on foot to adopt a uniform class pin to be worn by all classes in the university and the alumni of the school. It is being headed by the senior class which has appointed Frank Parsons of Civet, Roy Hazeltine of Norman and Miss Beatrice Von Keller of Ardmore a committee to select a design.

Norman high school won a clear title to the 1911 football championship of Oklahoma last Friday, defeating Chickasha high on Boyd field by the score of 39 to 0.

Sreeter Speakman, of Wellston, the first student to be placed on the university extension bureau will begin his work by a series of addresses in Lincoln, his home county, during the Christmas holidays. He has already definitely arranged several dates.

The Holmes Club, an organization event in local debating circles, will be held December 19 either in university chapel or the Franing opera house downtown. It is arousing unusual in-

### "Mutt and Jeff" Found.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 15.—An amusing feature of the second annual meeting of the Oklahoma Municipal League held in Tulsa this week was the discovery of the original "Mutt and Jeff," in the personages of Mayor Lamb of Bartlesville, 6 feet, 9 inches tall, the tallest official in the state, and R. D. Carpenter, city clerk of Dacoma, four feet, ten inches, the shortest official in the state. When chumming together during the three days' session here, these two officials offered a striking example of the famous cartoon characters.

## TAXPAYERS CALLED IN CONVENTION

Tax League to Be Organized Here for Purpose of Making War on High Taxes.

The meeting of the taxpayers of Craig county here tomorrow promises to be one of the most important events of the year in Vinita, and it is predicted that an organization will be effected at this time that will have an important bearing on the future political destinies of this county and of Vinita.

The decision of the taxpayers to organize for the purpose of protecting themselves from high taxes came as the result of the action of the state board of equalization in arbitrarily raising the value of farm and city property in Craig county, for taxing purposes, at a much higher value than this property would bring at a fair cash sale. It is proposed to organize, elect officers, levy dues and prepare to wage an unceasing campaign against excessive taxation. The taxpayers of the county are all requested to attend this meeting and it is probable a large delegation from Welch, Bluejacket, Big Cabin, White Oak, Centralia and the smaller towns of the county will be here to attend this meeting.

Interest among the undergraduates as the forum and senate appear evenly matched and there is much speculation as to whether the Forumites can capture the cup which has been held by their opponents ever since Judge Milton C. Garber offered it to be contested for annually by the two leading college debating clubs of the university.

The Sooner basket ball team announces its schedule as follows for the coming season: In the law school which is petitioning for admission to Phi Delta Phi national legal fraternity, Thursday night initiated to membership Clarence Cowden of McAlester, a second year law student. Owen Owen of Caney, Kans.; John Rogers of Holdenville; Hubert Ambriester and Fred Capshaw of Norman are announced as pledges. All are freshmen law students.

The Garber Cup contest, which has been revived this winter as an annual December 16—Oklahoma Baptist University of Shawnee at Norman.

January 10 and 11—Chillico Indian School at Norman.

January 19—Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College at Norman.

February 16—Oklahoma Baptist College of Blackwell at Norman.

February 26—Oklahoma Methodist University at Guthrie or Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee.

February 27—Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater.

February 28—Chillico Indian School at Chillico.

February 29—Oklahoma Baptist College at Blackwell.

March 1—University Preparatory School at Tonkawa.

March 2—Southern Kansas Normal at Winfield, Kans.

March 9—Southwestern Kansas Normal at Norman.

Other games will likely be arranged later. The team promises to be the best in the history of the school.

## POLITICAL PIE CUTTING ATTRACTS OKLAHOMA G. O. P.

Leaders Begin Scramble For District Attorney Appointments In Two Oklahoma Districts—President To Name Federal Attorneys Early Next Month

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—There's a political pie to be cut by President Taft for Oklahoma republicans, about the first or second week in January and as the chief executive has long since learned to expect, when there is a bit of patronage at stake, the G. O. P. leaders of the state are scrambling for it like a bunch of hungry children after a jar of jam.

Early next month President Taft will be called upon to name two United States attorneys, one for the western district of the state and one for the east. It is these jobs that has started the republican organization off in another tug of war, and both sides are kept busy laying their requests and recommendations before President Taft by letter and in person.

Probably the greatest interest is being taken in the contest being waged in the western district. The term of John Embry as United States attorney will expire January 7, and as he resigned a little over a year ago, but was prevailed upon to finish his term, it is not expected that he again will be a candidate. At the time the resignation was announced Representative Dick T. Morgan took a stand for Judge Gillet as Embry's successor while Representative Bird McGuire supported Robert A. Lowry of Stillwater for the place. When the matter of a successor was waxing warm, Embry withdrew his resignation and the feudists, Morgan and McGuire laid down their arms for the time being.

Now that Embry is almost sure to leave office in January, arms have been shouldered again and Morgan is urging H. M. Boardman of Watonga for the place while McGuire is again favoring Lowry. It is known, however, that McGuire's second choice for the place is Attorney Cress of Perry.

Boardman was Morgan's last campaign manager and being a close personal friend of the congressman, the latter will stand back of him through thick and thin. Even should Embry again seek to succeed himself, Morgan and McGuire are expected to be on hand.

### THURSDAY IN CONGRESS.

#### Senate.

In session at 2:00 p. m.

Lorimer election inquiry nearing an end.

Louis D. Brandeis of Boston, discussing trust regulations before interstate commerce committee, urged the competitive system.

Final hearings before employers liability committee begun with railroad counsel urging the inclusion of all interstate business in the act.

Opponents of parcels post appeared before postoffice committee.

Senator Works (California) asked investigation of soldiers' homes, and urged federal care of confederate veterans.

President Taft, in message, submitted Maine board's report.

Bill requiring two wireless operators on steamers introduced by Senator Hitchcock (Nebraska).

Monetary commission held a conference on state bank examinations.

Page bill endorsed in conference.

Senator Culberson called up his resolution to abrogate Russian treaty.

Debate indicated adoption Russian treaty abrogation before holidays.

Adjourned at 3:40 p. m., until 2 p. m. Monday.

#### House.

Met at noon.

Miscellaneous bills considered.

Steel trust traffic agreements with southern railroads probed by steel investigating committee.

New York cotton speculators attacked in speech by Representative Hefflin of Alabama.

The bill extending the eight-hour law to all government contract work was debated.

Bill passed extending eight-hour law to all government contracts.

Public buildings committee decided to frame omnibus building bill against democratic leaders opposition.

Adjourned 4:43; until noon Friday.

### Had to Have Special Bed.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 15.—When Ulric Morris, brother of Carl Morris, the "white hope" secured a position on the Tulsa fire department this week, it became necessary to order a special seven foot bed and extra length bed clothing. Ulric Morris, while only 22 years old, is six feet, eight inches tall, and his naked feet and shins protruded, unprotected, through the foot board of his iron bed. The extra beds and clothing are also ordered for three other gainers on the fire department, all exceeding six feet, three inches in height.

## NOTED CHEROKEE CASE APPEALED

Defendant Won in Lower Court in Land Suit.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 15.—R. T. Hanks, guardian of Daisy Hanks, an alleged incompetent, appealed to the supreme court today from an adverse judgment in the superior court of Muskogee county.

Hanks brought suit in the lower court to cancel a deed alleged to have been secured by J. C. Collier from Daisy Hanks by fraud. It was alleged that Collier, knowing the Hanks woman, who is a Cherokee by blood, to be an incompetent, professed love and affection for her and, "by caresses and other exhibitions of pretended love," induced her to deed to him her land. The lower court found for the defendant.

### Ladies Night at Grand.

This week the patrons of the Grand theatre have been given the real comic treat of the season—the Great Mack in his hypnotic show, and that these entertainments are pleasing the large crowds is shown by the great crowds that attend each night. Tonight is the big night of the week, for this is to be ladies night. Mack promises to hypnotize a number of lady subjects and the fun that has been enjoyed at the expense of the masculine side of the human family will be reversed to night. Already a number of the ladies of the city have promised to go on the stage for the experiment and a large class of ladies is expected. There will be nothing in any of these entertainments that will be the least bit out of the conventional, so no lady need fear the experiment.

### For Immigration Bureau.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 15.—The Tulsa Press Club, at its meeting yesterday adopted resolutions commending the plan of establishing in Oklahoma, an immigration bureau, and recommended that Governor Cruce and other state officials take such action as will be necessary to secure from the next legislature, an appropriation sufficient to maintain a non-partisan, free bureau in this state.

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